

“Jon G” and Kelly Kirkman, the proprietors of Jon G’s Barbecue in Peachland, North Carolina. After only a year in business, Jon G’s has already become a local institution, as evidenced by the consistently long line of customers who are ready to enjoy good barbecue. For the Kirkmans, barbecue is truly a labor of love and the establishment of their restaurant took many years of hard work and experimentation.

Small business owners have been ravaged by the government response to the pandemic, and it is tremendously important during this time to highlight entrepreneurship and to support small businesses in our local communities. Jon G and Kelly, I hope your hard work will continue to pay off and that your barbecue restaurant will be a Peachland institution for years to come.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF NOBEL
LAUREATE IN ECONOMICS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring my distinguished constituent, a recipient of the 2021 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, Stanford University Professor Guido W. Imbens. The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, more commonly known as the Nobel Prize in Economics, is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm and was established in 1968, joining the five original prizes established by Alfred Nobel in his 1895 will. Dr. Imbens is being honored with his colleague Joshua D. Angrist of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.

Guido Imbens is the Applied Econometrics Professor and Professor of Economics at the Stanford Graduate School of Business (GSB). He is a senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research and Amman Mineral faculty fellow for 2021–22. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and the Econometric Society, served as a Stanford GSB Trust faculty fellow in 2013 and 2014, and holds an honorary Doctorate from the University of St. Gallen. A graduate of Brown University, where he earned his Ph.D., he taught at Harvard, UCLA and UC Berkeley before joining the GSB in 2012. His research focuses on developing methods for drawing causal relationships in observational studies, using matching, instrumental variables and regression continuity designs.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dr. Guido W. Imbens on receiving this most prestigious award, recognizing his contributions to the field of economics. It’s my privilege to represent him, pay tribute to his brilliance, and thank him for making every American proud of his accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOPE ANIMAL ASSISTED CRISIS RESPONSE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 20th Anniversary of the HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response. Through their dedicated service and steadfast devotion to their communities, HOPE AACR has become an indispensable part of Michigan’s First District and the United States.

Since 2001, HOPE AACR has tirelessly worked to provide mental and emotional support to Americans during individual or national crises. Their organization has brought needed assistance to many local community groups including first responders, schools, hospitals, and churches. In addition, they often work directly with mental health professionals and counselors to bring the maximum level of care for those experiencing personal hardship.

HOPE AACR has also brought vital support to our nation during numerous tragic events such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and the wildfires in California. Their help has improved the lives of countless Americans and their families and their dedication to the well-being of our communities cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize HOPE Animal Assisted Crisis Response for decades of success and service to Michigan and the United States. Michiganders can take great pride in knowing the First District is home to such dedicated citizens. On behalf of my constituents, I wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING CBP’S FALLEN

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, the mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between the ports of entry and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play may differ, CBP personnel are tasked with keeping our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive.

In carrying out this critical role, CBP personnel provide a great service to our country. They put their uniforms on every day and kiss their families goodbye, not sure what the next shift may bring. Tragically, some have not returned home.

I wish to pay tribute to the brave officers and agents who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation. We commemorate them, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful nation, and their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Today, on the occasion of CBP’s 2021 Valor Memorial and Wreath Laying Ceremony, I include in the RECORD the names of these officers and agents as follows:

James S. Litz, Air Interdiction Agent, End of watch: September 7, 2012

Donna M. Doss, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: February 2, 2019

Robert M. Hotten, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: October 6, 2019

Luis O. Pena, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: December 23, 2019

Van Dong, CBP Technician, End of watch: April 1, 2020

Richard McCoy, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 3, 2020

Omar E. Palmer, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 4, 2020

James Taylor, CBP Field Technology Officer, End of watch: May 8, 2020

Ching Kok “CK” Yan, CBP Officer, End of watch: May 16, 2020

Johan S. Mordan, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: June 12, 2020

Alfonso Murrieta, CBP Officer, End of watch: July 9, 2020

Enrique J. Rositas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: July 11, 2020

Roel De La Fuente, CBP Officer, End of watch: July 13, 2020

Agustin Aguilar, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: July 25, 2020

Marco A. Gonzales, Border Patrol Agent, End of watch: August 5, 2020

Lucas Saucedo, CBP Officer, End of watch: August 21, 2020

Carlo Cayabyab, CBP Officer, End of watch: September 16, 2020

Domingo Jasso III, CBP Officer, End of watch: November 5, 2020

Christopher Carney, Air Interdiction Agent, End of watch: November 16, 2020

Richard Rios, CBP Officer, End of watch: December 2, 2020

Jose Santana, CBP Officer, End of watch: December 2, 2020

IN RECOGNITION OF SOUTHERN
WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL
CHAMBER ENTREPRENEUR
AWARD RECIPIENT AYANA KING

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 15, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ayana King, CEO at Maximum Communications as she is awarded the Entrepreneur Award at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber’s 5th annual Women of Achievement Awards. Her significant contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Ms. King founded Maximum Communications, LLC in 2018 after working as Corporate Communications Manager at American House Senior Living Communities in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where she worked for over 4 years. A graduate of University of Michigan—Dearborn, Ms. King is a consultant and a leader in diversity, equity, and inclusion. She began her journey assisting business in social media management, but found her calling in giving diversity, equity, and inclusion workshops. To her, inclusion is more than a word to be thrown around, she is unafraid to have tough conversations about difficult topics. She helps everyone do better and look inwards to recognize their own unconscious bias.